(c) and (d) JNU has a Day Care Centre under a Supervisor and experienced staff, with security guard. Under Tenth Five Year Plans, the UGC has released a sum of Rs. 3,00,000/-. The Day Care Centre has Child friendly toilet, water purifier with necessary furnishing. Desert Cooler, heat convector, refrigerator, inverter, microwave oven and washing machine.

Construction of classrooms in Karnataka

2162. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 4859 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 2005 and state:

(a) whether 50 per cent of the Central share as first instalment has since been released; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Falling standard of education

2163. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the standard of education in Government and Government aided schools in the country has fallen considerably in the past few years;

(b) if so, whether the exact cause of the fall in standard of education in such schools in the country has been assessed;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have recently approved any schemes for the improvement of quality of education in Government and Government aided schools; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when such schemes are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) As regards Central Government schools are concerned, the students of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas have been consistently performing better than the private schools in board examinations over the past few years. Most of the Government and Government aided schools, however come under the purview of State Governments and quality and standard of education in such schools are also in the domain of the respective State Governments.

(d) and (e) A composite centrally sponsored scheme called "Quality Improvement in Schools" has been approved by Government in November, 2005 by converging the following five existing schemes of the Department as its components:

(i) Improvement of Science Education in Schools (ISES);

(ii) Environmental Orientation to School Education (EOSE);

(iii) National Population Education Project (NPEP);

(iv) Introduction of Yoga in Schools; and

(v) International Science Olympiads.

It has been decided to transfer the component "Improvement of Science Education in Schools" to the State Governments as a State Sector Scheme. The other four components are to be implemented by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), an autonomous body under the Department of Secondary and Higher Education *w.e.f.* 2006-07.

Navodaya Vidyalayas

†2164. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of Navodaya Vidyalayas opened so far in the country alongwith the number of those yet to be opened;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.